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SUBJECT: LEBANON: CONTACTS WITH ISRAELI AND ARAB

REPRESENTATIVES MARCH 21

1. PRIOR TO LATE AFTERNOON SC INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON
SETTING UP OF UN FORCE IN LEBANON (UNIFIL), KUWAITI AMB
BISHARA INFORMED AMB LEONARD THAT ARAB GROUP WAS PREPARED
TO SEEK SC ACTION DEMANDING IMMEDIATE ISRAELI CESSATION
OF MILITARY ACTION AND WITHDRAWAL IF ISRAEL DID NOT END
FIGHTING AND DID NOT START WITHDRAWING. HE SAID ARAB
GROUP WAS MEETING AGAIN IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONSULTATIONS
TO DECIDE HOW TO PROCEED. SYG'S REPORT DURING CONSUL-
TATIONS, HOWEVER, INCLUDED CATEGORIC STATEMENTS THAT
CEASEFIRE WAS IN EFFECT AND FIGHTING HAD ENDED. SYG
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ALSO REPORTED ISRAELI WILLINGNESS TO IMPLEMENT SC RESO-
LUTIONS 425 AND 426.

2. FOLLOWING SC CONSULTATIONS, WE BRIEFED AMB TUENI AND
MEMBER OF HIS STAFF, JORDANIAN AMB NUSEIBEH AND EGYPTIAN
MISOFF HAGGAG ON SYG'S REPORT AND RESULTS OF CONSULTA-
TIONS. THEY ALL AGREED WITH OUR FIRMLY EXPRESSED VIEW

THAT THERE WERE NO GROUNDS, IN LIGHT OF SYG'S STATEMENTS, FOR ANY SC ACTION SUCH AS SOME ARABS HAD CONTEMPLATED AND THAT SUCH ACTION COULD, IN FACT, ACHIEVE EXACTLY OPPOSITE RESULT DESIRED. PER PRIOR AGREEMENT, LEBANESE MISOFF INFORMED USUN OFFICER AFTER LATE ARAB GROUP MEETING THAT, FOLLOWING BISHARA'S REPORT ON SC CONSULTATIONS, GROUP DECIDED SIMPLY TO KEEP MATTER UNDER REVIEW. THERE IS NO FURTHER GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED, ALTHOUGH ONE COULD, OF COURSE, BE CONVENED ON SHORT NOTICE AT ANY TIME.

3. DURING AFTERNOON, AMB LEONARD TELEPHONED ISRAELI AMB HERZOG TO BRIEF HIM ON WHERE MATTERS STOOD ON UNIFIL COMPOSITION AND COMPLIMENTED HERZOG ON ISRAELI DECISION ON UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE. HERZOG INFORMED LEONARD (AS LATER REPORTED BY SYG IN CONSULTATIONS) THAT SYG WALDHEIM HAD RAISED CEASEFIRE QUESTION IN PHONE CONVERSATION WITH BEGIN PREVIOUS NIGHT. ONLY AFTER WALDHEIM REQUEST HAD BEGIN INSTRUCTED WEIZMAN TO DECLARE UNILATERAL CEASEFIRE.

4. ISRAELI MISOFF LAMDAN CALLED POLCOUNS ABOUT 6:45 P.M. MARCH 21, BEFORE WE HAD RETURNED FROM SC INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS. WHEN THE CALL WAS LATER RETURNED, LAMDAN ASKED FOR A RUN-DOWN ON THE COUNCIL'S DISCUSSIONS. POLCOUNS PROVIDED DETAILED ACCOUNT, EMPHASIZING THE CONFIDENTIAL

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SYG'S IMPRESSIVE EFFORT TO SHOW THAT ISRAEL WAS ALREADY COOPERATING WITH THE UN IN ACCORDANCE WITH SC RESES 425 AND 426, AND HIS CALL ON THE OTHER SIDE TO DO AS WELL. LAMDAN EXPRESSED THANKS FOR OUR COOPERATION, SAYING HE THOUGHT EVERYTHING WOULD WORK OUT FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF ALL. HE COMMENTED THAT HE THOUGHT THEY HAD MADE SOME MISTAKES -- AND ASKED FOR A POST-MORTEM AFTER THINGS SETTLED DOWN. LEONARD

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